Attempt to commit suicide by a technical assistant of IARI

2216. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Technical Assistant of the Division of Agricultural Chemicals of the IARI had recently attempted to commit suicide at the Institute;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the incident to know as to whether there was any professional harassment which compelled him to take the extreme step; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Growth rate of foodgrains production

2217. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the rate of growth in percentage, of foodgrains production in the country from 1982-83 to 1985-86 year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Table below gives percentage growth in foodgrains production in the country yearwise during the period 1982-83 to 1985-86:—

Year	Percentage change in production of foodgrains over that of previous year
1982-83	—2·8
1983-84	17·6
1984-85	—4·5
1985-86	3·4

More powers to ISI inspectors

@2218. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently given more powers to Bureau of Indian Standard Inspectors to deal firmly with the growing fraudulent use of trade marks;

(b) if so, what are the full details thereof;

(c) what is the number of cases of fraudulent use and misuse of standard trade mark which have been reported during the last six months; and

(d) the action contemplated by Government against the officers responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) (i) No, Sir. Additional powers to the nspecting Officers of the Bureau of Indian Standards (erstwhile Indian Standards Institution) have been given for dealing with improper use of Standard Mar kof the Bureau.

(ii) Bureau of Indian Standards does not deal with fraudulent use of trade marks.

(b) The additional powers to the Inspecting Officers of the Bureau for dealing with improper use of Standard Mark are detailed in Section 26(1), (2) and (3) of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 and Rule 21(e) and (f) of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 1987.

(c) and (d) Additional powers given have become effective from 1st April, 1987 with the establishment of the Bureau of Indian Standards under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act 1986. No case has been filed in the court after 1 Apr., 1987 for fraudulent and misused of Standard Mark. During the last six

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